



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No: 10/664,786)
Filed: 9/22/2003) Art Unit: 3671
Applicant: Charles Raup) Examiner: Meredith C. Petravick
For: Bucket Extension for)
Front Loaders)

Amendment and Response

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This is in response to the Office Action mailed on October 19, 2004, in which the Examiner rejected claims 1-17 under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) as being unpatentable over Balderson et al., 3,845,870 in view of Weagley, 6,112,438.

A three month Petition to extend the time to file a response is separately included.